

WILSON SEES CHIEFS TODAY

Railway Magnats' Firm
Stand Against Com-
promise

LOOK TO FINANCIERS

All Interested Awaiting the Outcome
of Conference Scheduled for To-
day

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson yesterday laid his plan for averting the threatened railway strike before the employees' committee of 640, and, having found the managers' committee adamant to his proposal that they accept the 8-hour day, he appealed to the railroad presidents and asked them to come to the White House for a conference.

There is every indication that if the railroad presidents sustain their managers President Wilson will appeal finally to the financial powers which control the roads, for it is his purpose to deal with the ultimate authority before he gives up his effort.

The President's plan, which is expected to be formally accepted by the employees and committee at a meeting today, proposes:

An eight-hour day as the basis for computing wages.

Regular pay at the eight-hour day rate for overtime.

It refers all other collateral issues to a small commission, to be created by Congress, on which the employees, the railroads and the public would be represented.

Acceptance of the proposal by the employees was forecast by expressions of their leaders after they left the President's conference. One of them declared: "The men would be fools not to accept it."

The attitude of the railroad presidents is not so clear. No one can say what will be the effect of an appeal such as a President of the United States, speaking in the name of the welfare of a nation, can make. But from such information as can be gathered, it appears that the railroad presidents, if the managers' committee understands them, are unalterably opposed to conceding the eight-hour day or anything else out of hand, but are quite ready to arbitrate anything and everything in almost any form of arbitration upon which the employees and the committee may agree.

The railroad presidents, it is understood, justify their stand upon the broad ground of maintaining the principle of arbitration, which, if sacrificed in this instance, they intend to tell the President, will be destroyed, as a factor in the settlement of industrial disputes.

If the railroad presidents persist in that view and are supported by the financial powers, only the future can tell the outcome.

With the growing seriousness of the situation Congress began paying more real attention to the crisis yesterday and there were many indications of intervention to prevent a nation wide tie-up.

FIGHT SEEMS SUBSIDING

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The fight on Ambassador Gerard, launched by several German newspapers because of his alleged utterances regarding the German censorship, appeared to be subsiding today.

The Morgan Post alone of the papers that joined in the attack yesterday renewed its criticism today. The Morgan post's editor, however, contented himself largely with reiterating the hope that the German government would investigate Gerard's alleged attitude.

Gerard made a frank statement of his position in a talk with the American correspondents. He explained his reasons for not giving his approval of the complaints regarding the British censorship sent to Washington by correspondents here.

Hard and soft shell crabs on sale at the Rammel Hotel Cafe.

TEUTONS HALT ENEMY'S DRIVE

British Alone of Entente Al-
lies Able to Make
Gains

ADVANCE 100 YARDS

Germans Confident They Can Hold
Back Assaults of British and French
in the West

Paris, Aug. 18.—By a powerful attack on the northeast front of Verdun last night, the French completely recaptured the village of Fleury, driving the Germans from that part of the village which they still held, it was officially announced today.

The crown prince's forces still retain a few ruins outside and east of the village near the Chapitre forest. The French also advanced west of the town, between Thiaumont and Fleury, taking fifty prisoners.

The French blow was struck on the 178th day of the great battle for the fortress city. It was preceded by a terrific bombardment and a heavy curtain fire that prevented the Germans from bringing up reserves.

London, Aug. 18.—Attacking fiercely on all three of the principal battle fronts, the forces of the Central Powers have checked temporarily at least, the Entente Allies, except on the Somme front, where the official announcement by the British War office last night says the British have made another advance, taking 100 yards of trenches northwest of Bazentin.

Even in this section the Germans are counter-attacking, having delivered yesterday six determined assaults on British trenches northwest of Pozieres, all of which were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers. There were no infantry attacks yesterday on the French section of the Somme front, but a violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas.

A high military officer of the French Army, in explaining the operations on the Somme front, said:

"The operations Wednesday were merely a detail of the offensive and of only local bearing, but significance is derived from the fact that the Germans did not counter-attack as usual. Never before have they failed to react when successfully attacked, and their failure to do so in this case is either a sign of weakness or, more likely, because of confusion of orders. The precision with which the French offensive has been carried out is shown by the fact that every objective designated in advance of an action has been reached. At Maurepas a certain number of houses were selected and every one of them was captured and occupied; it never was intended to attempt the occupation of the entire village.

One consequence of this precision in the French operations is the reduction of losses to the minimum. The operations in Artois and in Champagne cost five times more than all the ground gained on the Somme. The purpose is to destroy the German forces, and the Franco-British defensive also has accomplished the feat of holding on the western front the greater possible portion of the German forces.

"It is fallacious to figure out the probable duration of hostilities on French soil by computing the average surface of ground gained a day. Every time an action takes place, even though the gain may be no more than a hundred yards or so, the opposition is beaten. He loses heavily and the weakening moral effect cannot be measured in yards. It is a cumulative effect which sooner or later will wear the enemy down so that he will be unable to hold the French gains to a few hundred yards."

AUSTRIANS ADVANCE

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The Austrians continue to advance in southwestern Bukovina and have repulsed six mass attacks by the Russians northeast of Stanislaw, said a delayed official statement from Vienna, under date of August 15, received here today.

Alexandria City News Condensed

The annual joint excursion of the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees was given to Marshall Hall today.

A company of District of Columbia militiamen stopped in this city today on a hike from their camp.

The excursion of the Methodist Protestant Church Sunday school to Marshall Hall today was largely attended.

Salvation Army held a special meeting at 7:30 o'clock last night, led by Lieut. Anna Tew, of Sunbury, Pa., and Elsie Haslin, of Baltimore Md.

John D. Normoyle has sold to C. O. Pullman to M. L. Dinwiddie a two-story brick dwelling in the square bounded by Prince, Alfred, Duke and Columbus streets.

The Rev. Edward T. Kirkley, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, conducted services this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the funeral of the late Malvin Page, which took place from Wheatley's chapel.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Walker took place at two o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, 723 south Lee street, the Rev. L. F. Kelley, assistant rector of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Interment was in the Methodist Protestant cemetery.

A large delegation of members of Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will leave this city to be present at the convention of the State division of the order which will be held in Richmond for three days, beginning August 21. Six delegates and six alternates will be included in the delegation.

A meeting of the Military Department of Lone Star Camp, No. 1, American Indian Guards, (Junior Guards Improved Order of Red Men) will be held in their hall 112 1/2 S. Fairfax street, this evening to further perfect their plans for the purchase of uniforms and other equipment. Past Great Sachem, Walter S. Nicklin, who has charge of the Juniors, is endeavoring to perfect this department of the organization, as quickly as possible. Capt. Slaymaker will be assisted in the military instruction by Capt. W. M. King.

ARMY BILL VETOED

President Gives Reason in His Message to Congress.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today suddenly vetoed the army appropriation bill, with all of its provisions for preparedness, basing his action on the ground that the bill removes retired army officers from liability to special service and the discipline that has heretofore controlled them.

The President, in his veto, says he regards that provision of the bill not only as dangerous to the discipline, but likewise as probably unconstitutional in that it removes from him the control and command of these men vested in him by the Constitution, which gives him supreme command of the army and navy.

The President's veto of the bill possibly may delay adjournment of Congress.

SLAYER CAPTURED

Louisiana Posse Wounds Fugitive After Hitting Him a Month.

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 18.—Re-laire Carriere, who shot and killed the Sheriff of St. Landry parish on the night of July 16 and was the object of a sensational man-hunt through woods, swamps and canebrakes for seven days and nights, was captured early yesterday at the home of a relative near Elton, La., about 40 miles northeast of here.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning a posse surrounded the house where Carriere was hiding. As Carriere stepped out of the door, with his gun in his hands, the posse opened fire and he was struck in the shoulder and the head before he could fire. The wounds are not considered fatal.

Miss Mary Hunt Roberts is spending the remainder of the summer in the Blue Ridge mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Latham, have returned home after a short stay at Virginia Beach and Cape Henry.

Miss Agnes Graumann and Miss Marie Graumann are spending the week end with their brother Mr. Leo Graumann in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Frank Martin accompanied by her son and daughter, Mr. J. Edward Martin and Miss Grace Martin, left this morning for a few days stay at Atlantic City.

Dr. S. A. Wallis of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of this city and Mrs. Wallis, accompanied by Miss S. A. Snowden of Alexandria, have returned from a delightful trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mr. William P. Woods, jr., of Del Ray, whose illness was noted in these columns yesterday and who was taken to the Alexandria Hospital, Wednesday night is said to be suffering from symptoms of typhoid fever but his condition is not thought to be at all serious.

Miss Alice H. Whitton of this city and Miss Mary Walker and Miss Georgie Walker of Washington left this afternoon for Baltimore, from whence they will go by water to Norfolk and Ocean View, returning next Tuesday. Mr. John B. Whitton, of Salem, Va., who is spending his vacation in Atlantic City and New York will meet Miss Whitton in Norfolk to return with her to this city where he will be the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitton for a few days.

The girls who have been the guests at the Germans of the Junior Assembly the past winter and spring gave a return dance to the members of the assembly last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, in Rosemont. Among those present were Miss Isobel Boswell, Miss Marie Gasson, Miss Hilda Schneider, Miss Lucy Anderson, Miss Sarah Cox, Miss Sarah Kemper, Miss Charlotte Kemper, and Messrs. Gardner L. Bothe, Jr., Allan Roberts, Chester Pierce, Edwin Pierce, Albert V. Bryan, Lawrence Fawcett, Waller Barrett, Louis C. Barley, Jr. and T. Tupper Barrett.

GASOLINE GOING DOWN

This Essential, It is Said, Will Decline to Twenty Cents a Gallon

New York, Aug. 18.—Gasoline will fall to 20 cents a gallon within ten days or two weeks, Standard Oil of officials said yesterday. At the stations about town the gallon rate was 22 cents which represented a 3 cent drop within the last five days. Although the Middle West States were selling gasoline for 17 1/2 cents, there is little likelihood of this reduced figure striking New York before a month, if at all, experts said.

The explanation for this drop in motor fuel is ascribed to the extraordinary output of the crude-oil wells that were drilled last year and now are yielding. As a consequence of their exceptional output in the last few weeks, the crude-oil quotation has fallen, and with it gasoline, the price of which is regulated entirely by the production of crude oil.

Standard Oil officials said the full effect of this crude-oil production will be over within two weeks, and gasoline prices then will have reached their minimum. New wells are being drilled, but their yield will not be appreciable in the market of the near future.

NOTICE

The concern under the name of Emerson Motors, that has issued papers and notices asking the public to buy shares in their automobile company has NO connection whatsoever with Mr. Victor Lee Emerson, of the S. S. E. Company of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of the Emerson Engine Company of this city. 192-3t Victor Lee Emerson.

Mrs. Geo. P. Fletcher is the guest of relatives at Remington, Fauquier county, Va.

Mrs. Paul Vogt and Children left yesterday for Remington, Va., to spend the summer.

Mr. E. J. Roberts and family will leave tomorrow for Oatland, Va., where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. Irvin E. McIntire and Miss Inez Melissa Arnell, both of this city, were married Wednesday at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, by Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey.

The playground committee of the Parent-Teachers' Association announces that the name of F. J. Polard was inadvertently omitted in the list of names of persons the committee wished to thank for lending automobiles to take the playground children to Hollin Hall Wednesday.

In the circuit court for Alexandria county, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, Mrs. Ethel M. Dunkin was granted a final decree of divorce from Frank E. Dunkin on grounds of desertion. Judge Thornton also granted Mrs. Dunkin permission to resume her maiden name.

Quarterly meeting services will begin at the Free Methodist Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock, Elder H. W. Hodge, presiding. There will be preaching services tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock and Sabbath services with sermon Sunday at 11 a. m., on which day a love feast will be held at 2:30 p. m. and preaching service at 7:30 p. m., also. The usual street meetings will be held Saturday and Sunday nights.

A large number of the members of the Southern Philatelic association who have been in Washington since Monday attending their annual convention, passed through this city yesterday afternoon on a day-trip to Mount Vernon. While in Washington they were shown the United States Government collection of postage stamps in the National Museum and also how Uncle Sam makes stamps at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. In this connection it is interesting to learn that the exact number of ordinary stamps issued by the government last year was 11,226,286,415. The stamped envelopes and wrappers totalled 1,793,764,296.

FIGHT WON FOR NORFOLK

Its Navy-Yard Will Be Equipped for Building of Nation's Warships

Washington, Aug. 18.—As the naval appropriation bill finally was perfected by Senate and House conferees yesterday the navy-yards at Norfolk, Charleston, New Orleans, Puget Sound, Boston, Portsmouth and Philadelphia will be equipped to build warships. The \$1,250,000 for additional improvements for the Charleston yard, including a dry dock, was stricken out, leaving the total of the perfected bill \$313,391,943.

All the disputed points now are cleared up, and the bill, with the big building program, the greatest in the history of the United States, already perfected, is ready for the President's signature.

Provisions for the equipping of the seven navy-yards was contained in the original bill and a hard fight on it was made, but the conferees finally decided to retain them in the measure. Senator Tillman, chairman of the Naval Committee, consented to have the special Charleston appropriation eliminated, after Chairman Padgett, of the House Committee, had promised that he would support a similar appropriation next year, provided a committee authorized to investigate the advisability of such a project reported favorably.

Bids Wanted For Coal and Wood

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for 200 tons Cumberland coal, 40 tons white ash coal and 16 cords wood, to be used in heating the Alexandria city school buildings. Both coal and wood to be delivered to the several buildings as ordered. Bids must be received on or before August 25, 1916.

HARRY D. KIRK,
Clerk School Board.
Alexandria, Aug. 16, 1916. 190-7t.

RUSS WOULD FLANK GERMANS

Forces Facing Muscovite
Center Soon Will be
Shifted

EXPECT RETIREMENT

Czar's Troops Manifest Eagerness to
Enter Into Assault Upon Country's
Invaders

With the Russian Armies on the central Russian front, Tuesday, Aug. 15 (via Petrograd to London, Aug. 18).—The continued success of general Brusiloff's two powerful movements, which gradually are enveloping Kovel and Lemberg, have begun to have a marked effect on the situation in the central portion of the front, which except for small Russian gains in the lake region south of Dvinsk, has remained virtually unaltered since the Russians fell back last autumn to the line from Dvinsk to the Pinsk marshes. The Austrian line now has receded so far before the repeated thrusts of the southwestern Russian forces in Southern Poland and Galicia that the Germans are in danger of a flanking movement from the south and the automatic retirement of forces opposed to the Russian center.

Notwithstanding the desultory bursts of artillery at various points, Russian officers say there are many indications that the Germans are prepared to abandon their present line on this part of the front at any moment. A correspondent made a week's tour along the front commanded by General Alexei Evert, from Lake Narocz to the region of Baronovich, and found the Russian soldiers most anxious for an opportunity to advance as soon as the command is given. The armies commanded by General Evert are the same which, crippled by a shortage of ammunition and supplies, were forced to surrender a large part of Poland a year ago. Commanders who brought back only broken remnants of their divisions to the present positions, now are in charge of splendidly equipped units. The men share with their officers the determination to recapture the ground lost in Poland. A corps commander, who showed the correspondent a huge supply of ammunition and material at the disposal of one part of the force engaged in this section of the front, said:

"We have enough ammunition stored away to take us to Berlin."

The soldiers seem to be plentifully supplied with wholesome food, and are living under the best sanitary conditions. They are surrounded by comforts and convenience comparable to those at a model American summer camp. The spirit and fighting strength of the Russian soldiers appear to be very high, and the troops confidently expect to occupy their original quarters in Western Poland.

Compared with conditions prevailing a year ago, the percentage of disease on this section of the front is declared to be appreciably lower. Not only have universal vaccination and personal cleanliness, which now are insisted upon, removed the danger of epidemic but individual cases of a disease of any sort are said to be rare.

GETS HIS POT OF GOLD.

Bell Hop Finds End of His Rainbow and Now is Worth \$20,000

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Frank C. Hill, a bellhop at the Congress Hotel, found the end of the rainbow yesterday, and the proverbial pot of gold was there with about \$20,000 in it. While shuffling baggage yesterday morning, Hill received a wire that his aunt, Mrs. Ben Snow, of Rochester, N. Y., had died very suddenly, leaving an estate of \$100,000 of which young Hill was to receive one-fifth. Hill immediately "gave notice" and left to-night for Rochester.

DEVILED & HARD SHELLED CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING STREET.

PRAYERS FOR ALLIES' SUCCESS

Cardinals Instructed to In-
voke Defeat of Ger-
many

WANT LASTING PEACE

Pope Allowed Italy to Recruit Swiss
Guards, and Gave Santa Marta for
Hospital Purposes

New York, Aug. 18.—A special cable to the New York Sun from Rome today says:

"Pope Benedict has instructed all cardinals in Italy to pray for victory for Italy and her allies. Hitherto the cardinals, following the Pope's example, have been preaching and praying for peace at all their services."

"They have exhorted all the faithful to attend the functions of intercession for an early peace. Now, however, they will pray for the defeat of the Teutonic powers."

"Cardinal Ferrari, archbishop of Milan, and other cardinals holding Episcopal sees have publicly explained that the Catholic Church wants to see a lasting peace. They are convinced that no peace can be lasting unless the war ends victoriously for Italy and her allies. They are urging therefore, that all loyal citizen churchmen should join in efforts to win the war."

"Italian anti-clericals here accused the Catholics of wanting a premature peace, a peace at any price. Such a peace they say would be to the advantage of the Teutonic Powers."

"It has been apparent for a long time that Pope Benedict was leaning toward the cause of Italy and so toward that of her allies. Soon after the war commenced the Pope permitted the Italian army to recruit all but fifty of the Swiss Guards on duty in the Vatican, and a little later he broke a precedent by causing the Hospice of Santa Marta, an annex of the Vatican buildings, to be used as a hospital for Italian soldiers."

"Pope Benedict showed how he felt toward the Teutonic allies when he had Mgr. Gerlach, his Austrian private chamberlain, interned in the Vatican for a time and then sent him back to Austria. Mgr. Gerlach was accused of falsifying with the Pope's words in an interview with a German American newspaper man which Mgr. Gerlach interpreted."

"Pope Benedict also has protested to Germany against the oppression of the Belgians, and only recently protested again against the deportation of a large number of men, women, and children, civilian occupants of the conquered northwestern part of France."

"The alliance of the Teutonic powers with Mohammedan Turkey has never met with the approval of the Vatican nor with that of the Catholic party, which is steadily becoming more closely affiliated with Italian affairs and less isolated. This was seen in the inclusion of a Catholic member, Signor Modia, minister of finance, in the coalition cabinet formed recently after the fall of the Salandra ministry."

"This is the first time since Italy was united in 1870 that a Catholic has been a member of the cabinet. The Pope was pleased at the appointment."

UNITE TO BOOST PRICES

Dakota Growers to Combine and Demand Greater Profit

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 19.—Spring wheat growers through both the Dakotas and Minnesota tomorrow will confer here on a plan to combine and demand what they consider legitimate prices for their grain.

O. S. Morris, of the editorial department, of the Non-Partisan League, Fargo, will be one of the speakers. The League is the organ of the Farmers' party that recently swept North Dakota in a political primary victory.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Rammel Cafe, Royal Street.